



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA APRIL 1982

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

#### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k.W/h		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																
March	9,328	8,512		23.2	8,284	8,554	32,684	36,178	691	678	523	498	32.4	29.8	317	309
April	8,022	8,777		32.5	7,999	8,566	33,388	33,587	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320
May	9,494	8,760	21,286	35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333
June	8,995	8,440		35.8	9,381	8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293
1981-82—																
July	9,089	8,898		30.9	10,078	8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	31.4	347	318
August	8,754	8,161	19,135	39.9	9,796	8,831	42,398	35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318
September	8,040	7,176		36.8	8,471	8,295	33,827	31,041	544	552	478	469	35.9	31.9	363	273
October	10,223	8,537		37.5	8,572	8,650	34,962	35,201	567	548	623	595	30.6	26.8	385	338
November	8,160	7,260	21,562	36.4	8,150	8,704	33,480	36,731	510	533	519	489	40.6	37.0	311	265
December	5,765	7,534		32.0	8,168	8,728	32,445	37,607	564	555	499	522	37.0	39.6	267	246
January	1,429	1,921		28.5	8,166	8,845	30,702	36,215	631	586	351	518	12.3	37.1	1,164	397
February	8,805	8,747	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,902	9,004	30,373	37,259	497	527	467	469	34.4	34.7	2,294	1,319
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,359	8,518	32,189	35,416	661	643	519	499	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	318	299
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,041	8,642	31,165	33,571	601	611	523	515	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	270	320

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

## PRODUCTION—continued

## STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by tonnes	% of total brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—														
March	3,830	3,981	895	770	12,767	181	178	310.8	335	425	43,698	77.6		
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,145	181	186	312.5	264	427	32,248	77.4		
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	202	198	313.3	213	431	30,505	81.2	29,616	29,636
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1		
1981-82—														
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	13,381	191	182	317.5	262	394	36,102	79.2		
August	4,252	3,959	736	806	12,277	168	173	319.8	414	421	67,982	82.3	30,541	30,490
September	3,986	3,446	893	804	12,071	190	171	321.2	570	427	105,627	83.4		
October	4,857	3,997	892	765	11,172	205	182	322.6	692	443	106,676	82.2		
November	3,237	3,153	994	847	11,705	169	168	324.0	669	434	86,230	77.8	31,129	31,108
December	3,232	3,800	810	801	9,497	184	191	325.0	616	433	55,778	78.2		
January	1,551	3,561	414	825	4,222	179	195	327.6	503	431	33,652	79.0		
February	3,497	3,693	1,694	616	10,422	195	218	332.6	388	429	37,406	76.0		
March	3,700	3,716	725	582	12,629	221	207	335.9	339	424	45,408	75.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
April	3,489	3,851	522	583	n.y.a.	196	207	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 56-29 D

## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1980-81—								
March	1,479	1,595			185	£ -742	£ 785	5,153
April	1,661	1,705			186	-487	1,041	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	2,626	2,498	186	-424	618	5,858
June	1,648	1,746			188	-572	683	5,709
1981-82—								
July	1,494	1,922			186	£ -913	£ 520	4,996
August	1,689	1,794	2,588	2,764	186	-546	278	4,696
September	1,498	1,846			186	-751	270	4,495
October	1,554	2,006			185	-929	755	4,527
November	1,506	1,813	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	185	-669	498	4,156
December	1,423	1,624			184	-599	780	4,360
January	1,561	1,750			185	-687	280	3,912
February	1,685	1,931			p186	-698	738	3,942
March	1,717	1,614	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p187	-983	1,409	4,065
April	1,816	1,895			n.y.a.	822	1,996	5,206

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

## INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(h) \$m									
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1980-81—																
March	2,705	2,856							38.7	38.2		12.4	12.1	3,137		
April	2,728	2,824							37.2	37.6		11.7	11.9	3,150		
May	2,936	2,871	4,130	4,230	2,890	2,876	1,396	1,497	39.6	39.0		11.9	11.5	3,175		
June	2,753	2,890							42.8	40.8		13.5	11.8	3,208		
1981-82—																
July	2,880	2,922							45.1	39.5		14.2	11.9	3,251		
August	2,852	2,990	4,293	4,387	2,900	3,013	1,468	1,542	39.7	38.4		12.0	12.4	3,278		
September	2,937	3,041							37.9	37.6		12.5	12.5	3,314		
October	r3,057	r3,011							35.4	35.6		11.5	11.6	3,361		
November	r3,053	r3,026	4,793	4,471	3,610	3,085	1,910	1,606	37.5	39.0		11.3	11.8	3,411		
December	r4,222	r3,120							41.0	40.0		12.5	13.1	3,457		
January	2,922	3,146							33.6	41.8		10.2	13.0	3,496		
February	2,741	3,134							33.4	36.2		11.6	12.4	r3,519		
March	3,084	r3,163	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44.1	41.3		r15.3	14.0	3,551		
April	3,124	3,199							p38.0	p39.3		p12.1	p12.7	n.y.a.		

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, paris, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: January \$157m; February \$156m; March \$181m.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (%) (a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males(b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, Six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food(d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care(e)	Recreation (f)
1980-R1-February	270.30	n.a.	686.9	1.44	317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	144.5
March			687.2			316.8							
April			687.2			317.7							
May	280.00	n.a.	711.9	1.49	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4	146.5
June			712.1			326.1							
1981-R2-July			713.9			327.2							
August	p286.60	p194.70	716.8	1.46	331.6	334.5	329.2	367.7	286.2	341.6	339.6	372.3	150.7
September			720.9			337.3							
October	p303.20	p197.00	723.6			336.8							
November			733.0	1.57	345.4	337.0	338.0	378.7	296.4	357.1	345.6	463.6	156.5
December			753.2			340.4							
January			758.6			341.1							
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	761.3	1.48	351.2	341.2	339.6	387.6	304.0	361.0	354.4	474.6	160.5
March			763.6			341.1							

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base: December quarter 1966 = 100.0. (f) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

# BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(b)	Materials used in building other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-R1--															
March	875.6	831.5	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2				
April	828.2	852.8	13.4	13.4	99.5	2,835.2	2,472.9	36.9	35.6	352.0	115.8	1,066.4	1,024.6	2,782.0	2,578.7
May	933.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1					355.1	116.7				
June	970.0	853.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8				
1981-R2 -															
July	959.4	912.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0				
August	873.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	99.0	2,367.9	p2,279.9	35.7	34.5	363.1	119.7	1,041.8	1,063.4	2,658.5	2,664.5
September	1,267.3	1,212.9	13.5	12.8	338.7					364.8	120.6				
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	121.3				
November	795.9	747.4	12.5	12.0	60.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,153.3	r3,062.5	r2,925.0
December	977.8	1,015.5	11.2	11.3	209.5					372.1	122.8				
January	717.3	953.2	9.4	12.1	132.0					376.3	125.0				
February	744.2	840.1	9.4	11.2	103.2					383.1	127.6				
March	970.1	889.1	12.2	10.8	89.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p389.5	p129.8	p1,043.0	p1,254.9	p2,550.8	p2,910.9
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p392.8	p131.0				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Original	Seas. adj.	
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.									
1980-81—															
March	22,833	22,889	26,147	25,119	18,802	19,113	22,263	374	189	139	13.10		3,252	3,539	
April	22,552	22,910	26,219	25,536	19,457	19,417	22,603	375	158	129	13.15		4,767	3,377	
May	22,819	23,110	25,803	26,348	19,851	19,673	23,265	342	134	131	13.10	1,019.1	4,664	3,308	
June	23,218	23,193	25,935	26,791	19,714	19,828	23,629	339	129	133	13.10		3,646	3,546	
1981-82—															
July	23,257	23,270	25,977	26,986	(g)20,188	(g)20,133	24,034	373	157	122	13.60		2,693	3,421	
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,097	20,136	24,356	320	150	105	14.65	1,274.9	3,459	3,473	
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,504	20,482	24,687	357	156	112	14.60		2,625	4,194	
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,927	20,625	25,004	309	154	107	14.60		2,706	3,295	
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	25,678	20,881	20,681	25,394	308	174	110	14.50	801.8	3,743	3,578	
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,154	20,937	25,770	316	164	102	14.50		2,781	3,569	
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,242	21,390	25,768	305	147	87	14.65		3,570	3,864	
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,160	21,572	26,042	322	165	123	14.95	n.y.a.	3,505	3,515	
March	24,458	24,529	28,862	27,556	21,571	21,925	26,457	379	195	112	15.20		3,862	3,860	
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	29,278	28,708	22,431	22,383	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15.60		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

# NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure														Gross fixed capital expenditure					
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private				Government		Private		Public					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
	AT CURRENT PRICES																			
1980-81—																				
September	30,906	31,182	1,574	1,871	29,332	29,311	18,732	18,838	5,080	5,139	5,065	5,133	2,182	2,374						
December	36,055	32,509	3,225	1,859	32,830	30,650	20,529	19,417	5,808	5,603	5,412	5,148	2,562	2,486						
March	31,257	33,113	1,383	1,655	29,874	31,458	19,035	19,938	5,339	5,663	4,937	5,499	2,210	2,506						
June	32,837	34,402	953	1,739	31,884	32,663	20,313	20,469	5,977	5,786	6,228	5,849	2,985	2,564						
1981-82—																				
September	35,394	35,712	1,466	2,001	33,928	33,711	21,051	21,146	6,055	6,126	7,078	6,174	2,610	2,835						
December	41,295	37,075	3,754	1,844	37,541	35,231	23,034	21,786	6,687	6,441	6,839	6,494	2,911	2,827						
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																				
1980-81—																				
September	28,975	29,353	1,470	1,729	27,505	27,624	17,683	17,770	4,704	4,767	4,753	4,789	2,023	2,203						
December	33,048	29,706	2,845	1,622	30,203	28,084	18,980	17,985	5,201	5,030	4,956	4,706	2,322	2,251						
March	28,218	29,956	1,321	1,589	26,897	28,367	17,225	18,054	4,755	5,030	4,413	4,926	1,954	2,218						
June	28,956	30,265	963	1,658	27,993	28,607	18,062	18,168	5,133	4,963	5,437	5,113	2,563	2,200						
1981-82—																				
September	30,418	30,869	1,474	1,948	28,944	28,921	18,337	18,412	5,093	5,158	5,198	5,275	2,183	2,372						
December	35,034	31,196	3,720	1,982	31,314	29,214	19,538	18,503	5,395	5,209	5,757	5,458	2,382	2,312						
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																				
Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises																				
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies				Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc. (a)		Household disposable income	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																				
September	6,033	5,971	5,358	5,510	3,707	3,703	6,472	6,638	16,937	16,921	873	7,652	3,545	21,917						
December	6,096	6,068	5,714	5,537	4,857	4,190	8,685	6,762	18,457	17,508	2,396	9,375	4,078	26,150						
March	6,157	6,151	5,401	5,491	3,682	4,147	6,107	6,749	17,295	18,121	617	7,578	5,065	20,425						
June	6,482	6,609	5,794	5,725	3,997	4,233	5,774	6,880	18,703	18,945	200	9,587	7,426	21,064						
1981-82—																				
September	6,960	6,884	5,499	5,662	4,474	4,469	7,067	7,455	19,644	19,437	677	8,759	4,513	24,567						
December	6,784	6,738	5,427	5,249	5,283	4,555	10,052	7,507	21,331	20,402	2,824	10,522	4,584	30,093						

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (' 000)							JOB VACANCIES (c) (' 000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1980-81—														
March	4,278.9	4,266.6	2,521.0	2,485.1	6,799.9	6,747.5	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9		
April	4,256.2	4,254.3	2,509.2	2,489.7	6,765.4	6,744.7	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0		
May	4,257.1	4,261.4	2,495.6	2,499.1	6,752.7	6,755.3	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7	
June	4,244.3	4,258.0	2,484.9	2,493.5	6,729.2	6,747.2	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2		
1981-82—														
July	4,262.5	4,276.6	2,501.3	2,503.0	6,763.8	6,781.0	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8		
August	4,245.0	4,276.1	2,488.4	2,514.5	6,733.4	6,793.8	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	34.7	
September	4,297.5	4,295.4	2,559.7	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,834.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1		
October	4,249.4	4,275.2	2,527.4	2,533.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4		
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9	36.7	
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3		
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6		
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4	33.7	
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	r216.1	r158.2	r85.4	r238.1	r221.6	r459.7		
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.5	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	p208.7	p152.4	p73.9	p226.2	p208.8	p435.0		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(c) (' 000)**

Month	Civilian employees											Defence Forces(b)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total		Persons		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females			
1981 —													
February	278.3	124.9	581.8	414.5	7.5	6.5	103.2	27.6	970.8	573.6	1,544.3	72.4	1,616.7
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	578.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7
October	276.2	126.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	964.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4
1982—													
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.8	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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